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# FACILITATING POLL-TAX PAY-MENTS.

Councilman Rogers proposes the and 3, and that substations, The Norfolk Landmark, ected to find the Land-

poll-tax requirement, just

at least simple and practical, and

the privilege of sending their remittances by mail. There seems to be some doubt, too, as to whether or not the opening of substations would be But if a large number of citizens can be legally accommodated by this means, the accommodation should certainly be provided. Citizens who are enough interested to desire to qualify-as radically distinguished from those who have not that interest-should be encouraged in every fulfil the constitutional conditions with the least possible difficulty is a very different thing, in both purpose and effect, from undertaking to remove those conditions altogether.

With the ringing of the High School bell this morning, approximately a thousand boys and girls will take up their year's studies. During the week twice as many more will enter the va rious collèges of the State to remain until June brings another release. Many of these students will enter upon their scholastic activities with a determination to secure from the year's equipment for the work of life. Others will wander listlessly through the months and will find themselves, at

purpose in life than when they began, This suggests the greatest problem of education-how best to fit the course to the individual need. The conscien tious teacher spends months in trying to discover just what subject will be while the serious-minded student puzsles over the various courses and wonders which will best equip him for the and can never be devised, that will automatically take this necessary intel- while. Equally strong indorsoments lectual measure of the pupil; but the from our own health officers, who per-

include elective courses that are in- actual conditions, would certainly retended for this purpose. In the place of the old hide-bound curricula, which required the future engineer to study

demonstrated by this two-fold tenday full of educational missits-men whose equipment is in one direction. legally payable. He argues that it is most apt to be he who finds his inclination early, chooses his profession promptly, and follows it consistently The race is to the one who can firs find himself and uses that discovery to intelligent ends.

per hundred on the Richmond market

declares that "a study of health conditions at Virginia Beach shows them to be most satisfactory" and that "the proposed camp site from a sanitary point of view is ideal, and can be made famous for healthfulness." The other indersement comes from Dr. Garland P Moore, of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, Dr. Moore is of opinion that "a more suitable place cannot be found anylutely free from objection in healthfulness of location and surroundings. "The water supply," he says further, "is pure, and there is no danger of its contamination." We find the full reports from these

gentlemen printed in full in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot of Friday, That paper, recalling that we had criticized the Beach site on the score of healthfulness, invites us to say what we sider them weighty documentary evipersuading us that common report about Virginia Beach in midsummer is unjustified. The Beach, it must be borne in mind, has had some reputation as a typhoid centre. When Dr. work the best possible individual Moore declares that no more suitable and healthful place can be found in the State, it might properly be inquired if he has such an acquaintance with the State as would justify him asserting that But though we know nothing of these gentlemen personally, their official positions prove them competent to speak with authority, and we reiterate the conviction that their cordial commendations, after thorough inspection, carry very strong weight indeed. Our Norfolk contemporary asks us to state what testimony if any, would be finally convincing to us. We reply that, even now, we should consider that of the state Board of Health & well worth while. Equally strong indorsoments competent to speak with authority,

move any lingering traces of doub from the public mind

meeting on account of the large amount of road-building now under way in its county, Cuyahoga. We trust the day may come when Rich-mond will be chosen for a convention

They call the place from which Pear; ends his telegrams Battle Harbor.

Halley's comet has been photographabout 90,000,000 of us.

nnce of all the English-speaking peo-ple of the world. Well, we have a pretty keen navy over here, and that's a fact.

plane record the other day, which is a whole lot better than breaking an-

"A mob in Georgia helped a man to get married." Not knocking the lady

At Milwaukee it was Payne's turn o be the recipient of presidential bouquets. Advices from Pennsylvania state that Penrose is looking expect-

tional corps of research-workers wires us that Mr. Aldrich, ever since Mr. Taft's Boston speech, has been prac-

### TAFT ON THE LAW'S DELAYS.

of the cause.-Springfield

## JOHNSON AND FRANKLINA

exleographer and Poor Richard Represented Different Literary Ideals, Samuel Johnson and Benjamin resented Different Literary Ideals.
Samuel Johnson and Benjamin
Franklin were born three years from
each other. Last week all the world
of English letters was celebrating on
Wednesday the 200th anniversary of
the great Englishman's birth, just as
three years ago last January the world three years ago last January the world as a whole was commemorating the greater American, The two stood for diametrically dif-

fering views of fite, its surfaces of the state of the state of the years in which they were contemporaries—Johnson dying six years before Franklin—they were opposed. They crossed swords before the Revolution Through all the should be. in their pamphlets. Johnson, it is to-day forgotten, wrote the most powerful and trenchant arguments published against the claims of the colonists, and again and again he attacked

the American view. He stood for the long sentence and he stood for the long scattered aim learned, long-syllabled word of the eighteenth century, while Franklin ran to monosyllables and sentences as simple as a child's. Johnson was for authority for its own sake. The printer's apprentice began by running away from authority and never accepted it. Authority carried with it religion for Johnson. Such religion as Franklin had ran to liberty and narrowly miss-

ed license.

Johnson scorned science. Franklin began electrical science. The English-man lived in words. The American hegan electrical science. The Englishman lived in words. The American knew only deeds. Both left but scattered literary remains. Johnson's monument was his dictionary, a marvel of book-learning, of grubbing and of patient toil, ill-rewarded. Franklin

age. No man was so revered by men of letters, and Boswell's biography is the best ever written of any man. means of our high schools and colleges haps best understand our needs and Philadelphia Press.

# Borrowed Jingles.

THE PAST AND THE PUTURE.

You say that none of us may know That this day shall not be the last; Therefore, why work and worry so, Why seek to get shead so fast? To-morrow's winds may never blow, To-morrow's sun may never rise; To-night the streams may cease to so The stars cease glowing in the skies; Why not, then, claim our own to-day, And riot in what joys we may?

Ah, well, it may be that we choose Unwisely, we who hope and walt; Perhaps for pleasures which we lose There shall be none to compensate; We know that we exist to-day, We know the slient past is gone; We know that they but guess who another day than this hall daw But let us be to fate resigned.

But let us be to fate resigned.

### MERELY JORING.

The Much-Mallgned Cabbage. Wigg-What kind of cigars does Closeff

you instinctively look arous beef.—Philadelphia Record.

Hotel Visitor—Are there ever any deer about here?
Gillle—Well, there was yin, but the gentlemen were aye shootin' and shootin' at it, and I'm thinkin' it left the decartict.—

The Man of the Hour.

"What is a food expert?"
"Any man who can make his wages buy
enough for the family table."-Philadelphia
Ledger.

Taking His Flight

Elder-Sarah, den't you knew that you should fly from Drink, the tempter? Sarah (not too well pleased)-Flee yer

gel'. Elder-Oh, Sarah, I have flown. Sarah-Aweel, I think ye'll be nane waur o' anither flutter.-Manchester Gi dian.

Gent (engaging new chauffeur)—And have you any references from your last employer? Applicant for Situation—No, but I can get some in about a month.

Gent—Why the delay?
Applicant—He's in the hospital.—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

The Girl for Him.

### THE OBSERVANT PARAGRAPHERS.

In starting on his 13,000-mile jaunt, President Taft intends to satisfy his congressional crites as to their getting value received for that \$25,000 traveling allowance.—Louisville Times.

The first Peary versus Cook scrap took place in Fort Worth, Texas, and the Cook man got the best of it. Maybe this is a pointer.—Mobile Register.

Peary says he feels able to visit the pole again. If he would turn round now and go right up there and lay his head down for a while on a nice big lee humber he he will be seen to be the same of the seen that the seen to be seen the seen

foring views of life, its expression and of married life, to make it what i

Effect on Illatory.

The Germans, prone to classify and label, recognize the existence of Wunderjahre; forcordalend eras of marvels; crises of creation, formative, constructive, epochal.

Such a one was 1809, the birth year of Tennyson, of Holmes, of Fitzgerald of Darwin, of Lincoin; such another is 1809, the year of the fruition of great schemes of scientific discovery, of emancipation from the thraidom of the elements, of epoch-making discovery, of time is to acquire a distinctive appellation, would it not be that of a record-breaker? Alike for speed and endurance on foot or motor-driven, on land or water or in the air, all records have fellem. Scarcely does the Lusitania set up one mark, lithertor reckoned unattainable; when along comes the Mauretania to lower her flag; speed limits of automobiles do not appear to attain a permanency of more than a few hours; volltation or aviation, whichever word may best describe the heavier-chan-air navigation, has sprung full-grown into being; the pole has been reached, not once, but twice, and each time with oase, the Gause of cancer discovered, the White Plague become the opticat of the nations; and a South Ainerican revolution was arbitrated, or shall we say amputated, successfully.

Ferhaps much of our wonderment is the result of an optical illusion, the deceptive imlarge of proximity; but, making all allowances for refraction and mental exaltation, it seems safe to enshrine 1909 among the wonder years.

Rough and Dressed Lumber, Sash, Blinds and Doors. Ninth and Arch. - - RICHMOND, VA.

# The Courts of Europe

By La Marquise de Fontenoy.

Dukes Reduce Expenses.

NGLAND'S dukes hive commencel to put into execution their threat of reducing their expensions the revolutionary financial measures and greatly increased taxation of land proposed by the present Asquith government. It had been generally understood that these reductions, which take the form of cutting down subscriptions to charities and public and local institutions, in the docking of pensions and in the closing down of works affording employment to large numbers of people,

Last summer I related in these cotumns how Captain Viaud, of the
French navy, cetebrated as a novelist
under the name of "Pierre Loti," had
been cordially welcomed in London,
in spite of the Intense animosity
against Engiand and everything British displayed in all his books. At
the instance of the King, the leaders
of the great world on the banks of
the Thames, received him with open
arms. At the ball given by the American ambassador at Dorchestor House
to the King and Queen, Loti was presented to then. They were particularly gracious, won his heart compictely, especially the Queen, who invited him to cail upon her at Buckingham Palace,
1 predicted at the time that he had
been converted from Angiophobia to
Angiophilism. The proof of my proph-

and Bonaparte himself, who would thus become the chief judge of the issue.

Roland has no practical experience of polar exploration, or of Arctic conditions. He owes his position as president of the society to his lavish generosity in furnishing funds for the furtherance of geography, rather than to any actual work of his own in that direction. The money thus spent he derives from his part ownership of the great public gambling establishment of Monte Carlo. Moreover, his very title of prince is open to duestion, in connection with the grave doubts as to the legitimacy of his birth, which his father, the late Prince Peter Bonaparte, declined to acknowledge as long as he lived.

Under the circumstances. Roland would searcely make a satisfactory ludge. A question of such world-wide interest as the discovery of the pole is of too great importance to be treated as a stake at the table of the Casino, and to be determined, so to sneak, by the spin of a wheel. (Copyright, 1969, by the Brentwood Company.)

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# Tariff and Industrial Conditions in England

By ZACH McGHEE.

RIADFORD, YORKSHIRE, ENGabout clothes being cheaper in England than in America is pure storn,
you can buy a suit of clothes of a
given quality just as cheap if not
cleaper here than you can in England. That remark I heard seriously
in made before the Ways and Means Committee in Washington last December
by General Chas, H. Grosvenor, who, in
behalf of the Wool Growers' Association, was asking that the present high
tariff on wool be retained.

Then tell me one thing," said Chammo
Clark. "Why is it that overy time you
go to England you always buy a suit
of cfothes to bring back? Why don't
you buy it here?"

And to that question the foxy old
general replied with affected impaticleac, "Ohl—why does a man take a
cocktail in the morning?"

A man facturer of woolen cloths for
sultings asked me yesterday; "Tell me
why it is that every American who
comes over here always buys a suit to
take back?" It is a well-known fact
that this is the custom.

With from 6 to 180 per cent. duty
on the cloth these Bradford clothmaka's malke, about the best answer a man
of General Grosvenor's school of protection could be expected to give was
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several demonstrations planned in honor of President Taft automobiles were to be substituted for horses in the processions suggests that if horse, the processions suggests that it horses are passing so likewise are colonels. It is incredible, surely, that any self-respecting member of a Governor's staff will long continue to serve with no opportunity to display himself to the best advantage, that is, partly or almost wholly encased in a more or less ornate, but decidedly commonplace, tonneau. Perish the thought! Colonels may not have smelled powder, but they possess spirit and courage—the courage of their convictions—also uniforms upon which considerable sums of money age of their convictions—also uniforms upon which considerable summ of money have been expended. And their convictions have always compelled the beiler that they are to be seen and well worth seeing. Colonels are at their best, of course, on chargers, even it it is neressary to fasten them on. Mounted, they have never failed to excite unbounded admiration; frequently the sp-

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With No Horses in Taft Parades, Gallant Riders Must Disappear.

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